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1906

ITS PRESENT  
*and* ITS FUTURE

# First National Bank

GASTONIA, N. C.

CAPITAL \$100,000.00

SURPLUS \$17,500.00

L. L. JENKINS, President

R. R. RAY, Vice-President

S. N. BOYCE, Cashier

## DIRECTORS

L. L. JENKINS,	President
A. A. McLEAN,	with Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co.
J. LEE ROBINSON,	Robinson Bros., Merchants
GEO. A. GRAY,	President and Treasurer Gray Mfg. Co.
T. L. CRAIG, Craig & Wilson;	dealers in live stock, vehicles, farming implements and fertilizers
ANDREW E. MOORE,	Assistant Treasurer Loray Mills
J. O. WHITE, Pres. Modena Cotton Mills and Morowebb Cotton Mills Co.	
H. M. McADEN, Charlotte, N. C.; President McAden Mills; President	Piedmont Fire Insurance Company
R. R. RAY, McAdenville, N. C.; Secretary and Treasurer McAden Mills	

With 16 years successful banking experience, not having lost a dollar during the entire period of time, and with any loan made by us, with ample capital and the best of banking facilities, we are fully equipped to handle any business entrusted to us. WE SOLICIT ACCOUNTS OF INDIVIDUALS, FIRMS AND CORPORATIONS.

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## EDITOR'S NOTE

 HE ILLUSTRATED HANDBOOK is an enterprise conceived by the Gastonia Commercial Club, an organization created for industrial, commercial and social purposes. It is the first distinctive move looking to the larger advertisement of the town, and it has been the earnest and honest endeavor of the editor to present the entire matter of the book as free as possible from errors of fact and conscious exaggeration.

If the reader will bear in mind that Gastonia is barely a quarter of a century old, he will doubtless be impressed with the marvelous growth and development.

In certain connection, the suburbs will be considered as a part of the town proper, this for the reason that, industrially, commercially, and educationally, all blend as one. In the matter of census and educational statistics the town will be considered within its corporate limits.

Thanks are hereby extended those few who have aided me in the preparation of this volume.

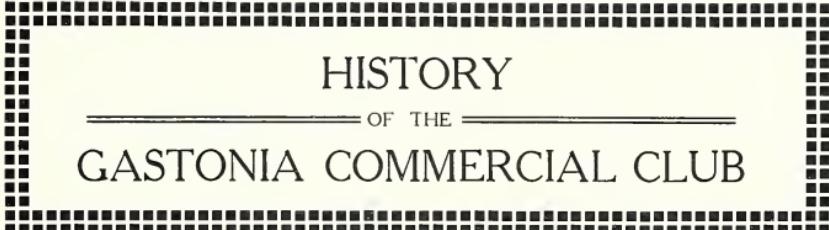
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JOSEPH H. SEPARK, Editor



B. H. PARKER, Bus. Mgr.



# HISTORY

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OF THE

## GASTONIA COMMERCIAL CLUB

**T**HE first meeting for the purpose of organizing a club in Gastonia was held in the City Hall on the night of February 11th, 1905. Capt. George F. Bason presided and Mr. Jos. H. Separk acted as secretary. The object of the meeting was stated by the chairman and after a general discussion of the needs of such an organization, a resolution was adopted declaring that "The organization of such a club was a felt need in Gastonia.

Messrs. A. G. Mangum and J. H. Separk were appointed a committee to draft and report a constitution and set of by-laws.

At a meeting held in the same hall on the evening of February 18th, 1905, the committee on constitution and by-laws read their report and, after general discussion, the constitution and by-laws were adopted. Following this Mr. A. G. Mangum was instructed to secure a charter from the Secretary of State.

On the evening of March 4th, 1905, a meeting was held for the purpose of perfecting the organization under the charter as secured from the Secretary of State. The name, "The Gastonia Commercial Club," was adopted, and the following officers were elected :

PRESIDENT—Mr. A. G. Mangum.

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT—Mr. Jos. H. Separk.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT—Mr. T. L. Craig.

SECRETARY-TREASURER—Mr. W. W. Glenn.

SOLICITOR—Mr. G. W. Wilson.

### BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

Mr. L. L. Jenkins.

Mr. W. J. Clifford.

Mr. J. Lee Robinson.

Mr. Eli Kendrick.

Mr. B. H. Parker.

Dr. J. M. Sloan.

Mr. W. T. Love.

Mr. A. G. Myers.

Dr. R. M. Reid.

Mr. J. O. White.

Within six weeks the club was at home to members and friends in handsomely furnished rooms on the second floor of the First National Bank building. The Reading Room is well furnished and is stocked with the representative papers and periodicals, and a small nucleus of books. The

Reception Hall and Game Room is fitted up with comfortable furniture, pool and billiard tables, game tables, etc. There are also bath rooms and in the near future an up-to-date gymnasium will be added.

At present the membership numbers 104, of which 76 are resident and 28 are non-resident members. The present officers are :

PRESIDENT—A. G. Mangum.

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT—J. O. White.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT—T. L. Craig.

SECRETARY-TREASURER—T. N. Kendrick.

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A. G. MANGUM, Pres.

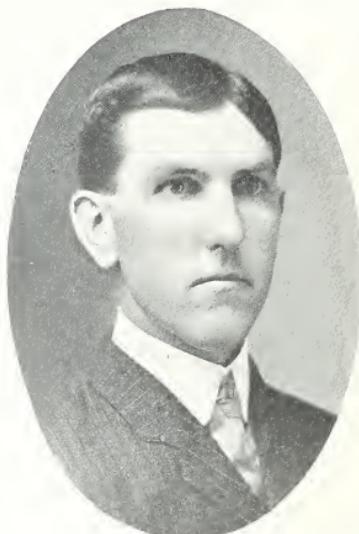


T. N. KENDRICK, Sec'y & Treas.

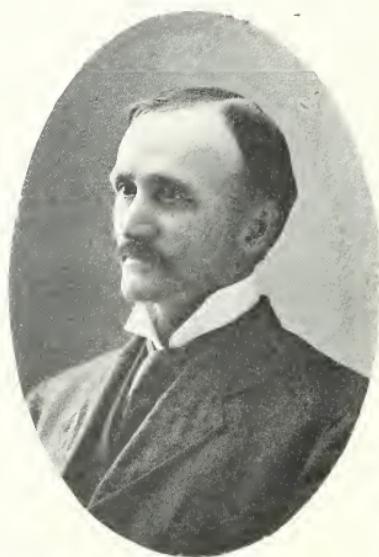
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E. G. McLURD



T. L. CRAIG



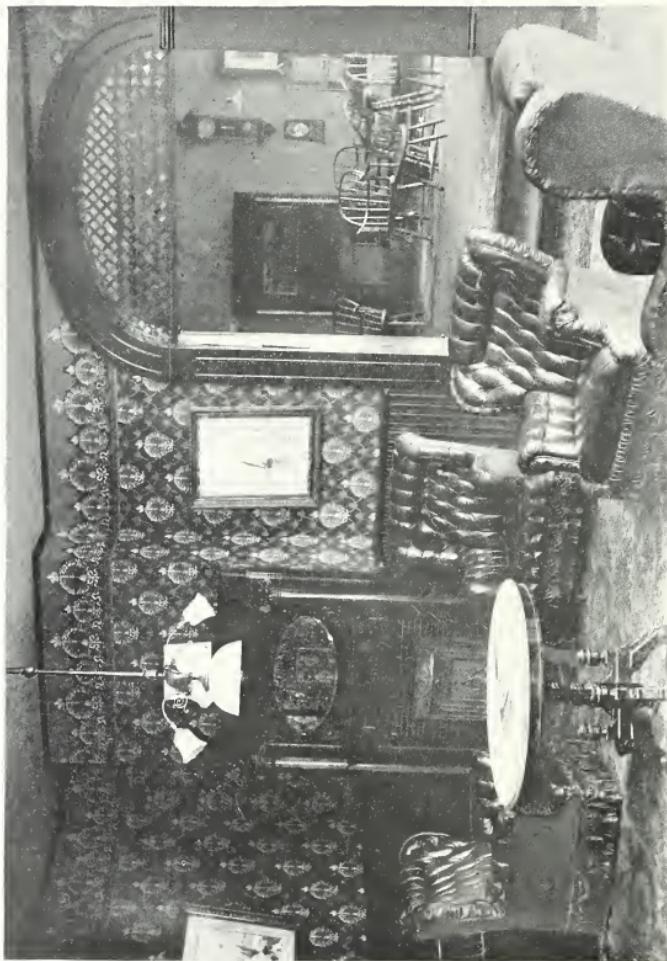
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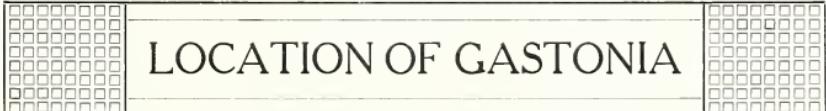
DR. D. E. McCONNELL



T. M. FAYSSOUX



INTERIOR VIEW CLUB ROOM—READING ROOM



## LOCATION OF GASTONIA



ASTONIA is both the industrial and geographical center of Gaston county, and is on the main line of the Atlanta division of the Southern Railway, just 21 miles south of Charlotte. It is also on the Carolina and Northwestern Railroad, about midway between Chester and Lenoir. By the Southern Railway it has ten mail and passenger trains daily, five north and five south. By the C. & N. W. it has four passenger trains daily, two west and two south.

To the county seat, Dallas, the distance is four miles and an excellent macadam road connects the two towns. Dallas is also reached by the C. & N. W. Railroad.

It is near the center of that portion of Piedmont Carolina which is destined to become the great manufacturing section of the South by reason of the development of great electric power. Already two of the great powers have been given franchises in the city, the Southern Power Co. and the Spencer Mountain Power Co.

There are more cotton factories in Gaston county than in any other county in the South, and there are more of these factories in Gastonia than in any other town in the county.



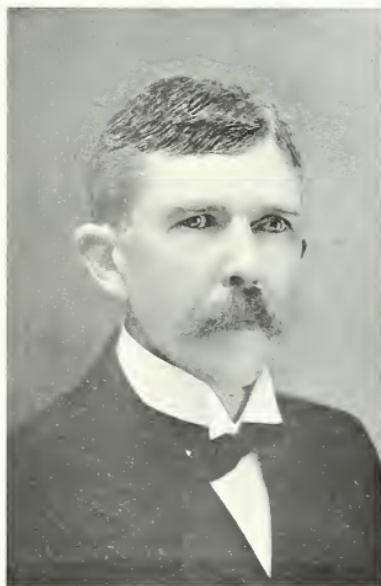
• CITY GOVERNMENT •



CITY HALL



POWER PLANT



MAYOR J. K. DIXON

### CITY GOVERNMENT

As a rule our town affairs have always been conservatively and impartially administered. There are very few, if any, better governed towns than ours. The following is the city government :

MAYOR—J. K. Dixon.

ALDERMEN—V. E. Long, H. B. Moore, J. F. Jackson, L. L. Jenkins, T. W. Wilson.

SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS—R. P. Rankin, J. E. Page, A. A. McLean, J. H. Separk, R. M. Johnson.

SUPERINTENDENT WATER AND LIGHTS—H. Butler.

CHIEF POLICE AND TAX COLLECTOR—I. N. Alexander.

CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT—J. L. Beal.

BUILDING INSPECTOR—J. L. Beal.

## STREETS AND RESIDENCES

One of the surest evidences of the prosperity of a city is the number and character of its residences. Though a town of little more than one score years, Gastonia has made considerable progress along all lines, and particularly in the matter of erecting homes. Within the past ten years quite a number of comfortable and handsome homes have been erected, and many of them ranging in cost from \$5000.00 to \$20000.00 each. Few indeed are the towns in this state, the size of Gastonia, that can boast of more handsome residences.

In the matter of house building an eye has been had to the beauty of the surroundings, and the soil and climate being so well adapted to the culture of flowers, spring and fall here present pictures of loveliness about lawn and roseary. It is doubtful if any town in the state can excell ours in the growing of the rose.

A pride to every Gastonian is the number and beauty of the shade trees. Thanks to the aesthetic tastes of our city fathers, that they have not followed the example of many towns and laid low, with the ruthless axe, the beautiful trees, in their eagerness to make the town city-like.





A SECTION OF MAIN STREET

# GASTONIA 1881--1906

## A SKETCH



HE above covers a period of exactly one quarter of a century, and in the case of Gastonia it has been a period of wonderful construction effort. At the beginning of this period the town was little more than a struggling village of a few hundred people, who it must be confessed, had no very high hope of a prosperous future as a town. There were a few good stores, to be sure, but these depended entirely upon the country trade. There were no manufacturing enterprises, no large shops, and the few houses here were the homes largely of planters.

Such was the condition, with some slight up-build, until the year 1888, when a few enterprising gentlemen conceived the idea of building a cotton factory, and this idea took shape in the organization and erection of the Gastonia Cotton Mfg. Co. This mill began operation in October 1888. The prime movers in this enterprise were R. C. G. Love, John H. Craig, James D. Moore and George A. Gray. That was a new movement in the life of Gastonia, it served to instill new life, effort, and energy, and the history of the town from then till now has been one of marvelous growth and development.

In 1889 the population had grown to about 900, and during the next succeeding five years this number was more than doubled. The First National Bank had been organized and better money facilities were offered. This organized with John H. Craig as president, and L. L. Jenkins, cashier. And another factory had been built, the Trenton Cotton Mills, and many other enterprises had been launched. New and more commodious stores were erected, houses began to spring up all over the town, property rapidly enhanced in value—faith in a town had been fixed, the village had grown into the town. The principal promoters of the Trenton Cotton Mills were G. W. Ragan, T. C. Pegram and Geo. A. Gray.

But the next succeeding five years must go the past five one better. This half decade was marked by great efforts in the various lines of activity. Two cotton mills, the Modena Cotton Mills and the Avon Mills were added during this period. The former organized with John H. Craig, President, and James D. Moore, Secy.-Treasurer, and the latter with George A. Gray, President and John F. Love, Secy-Treasurer. Notwithstanding the money panic of 1893, Gastonia more than held her own along all lines and it is a matter of proud record that not one of her factories lost a single day's work in consequence of the panic. With the industrial development, the commercial, educational and religious kept even pace—more mercantile houses were added, new schools were built, and larger and handsomer churches were erected. The census taken by the Gastonia Gazette on June 8th, 1895 showed a population of 2313. Thus through five years the population had more than doubled, and the same rate of increase has kept up 'till now.

One decade more brings us to the present. These have been ten

strenuous years, a careful review of which reveals a growth equaled by few towns in North Carolina, and in some respects will compare favorably with that of any in the South. Note the use of the word "town," and by comparison is meant proportionate growth. During this period five more cotton mills have been built, swelling the number to nine, the tenth is now building and the eleventh has been planned to be built in the early spring. In 1899 the Ozark Mills were built with Geo. A. Gray, Prest; John F. Love, Vice-Prest; R. P. Rankin, Sec. and Treas. This was followed in 1890 with the Arlington Cotton Mills, with G. W. Ragan, Prest. and Treas. and L. L. Jenkins, Vice-Prest. In the same year was built the Loray Mills, one of the largest in the South, with Geo. A. Gray, Prest. and John F. Love, Sec. and Treas. Five years elapsed before the building of the eighth mill. This the Gray Mfg. Co., Geo. A. Gray, Prest. and Treas; L. L. Jenkins, Vice-Prest. and Jos. H. Separk, Secty. The ninth has just been completed The Clara Mfg. Co., R. P. Rankin, Prest; Geo. A. Gray, Vice-Prest; C. B. Armstrong, Sec. and Treas.

Such industrial development requires greater financial accommodation and to meet the needs there have come two new banks, and the enlargement of another. The Gaston Loan and Trust Co. with L. L. Jenkins, Prest. and E. G. McLeod, Treas. The Citizens National Bank with R. P. Rankin, Prest; C. N. Evans, Vice-Prest; and A. G. Myers, Cashier. The First National Bank, L. L. Jenkins, Prest; R. R. Ray, Vice-Prest; S. N. Boyce, Cashier has increased capital stock from \$50,000.00 to \$100,000.00.

New and handsome Graded schools have been erected, and many handsome churches, store buildings and residences have been built. All along our industries have become more varied. Our markets and commercial houses of all kinds have become fully adequate to the needs of our growing population. Our two widely circulated newspapers have changed from weekly to semi-weekly. Our real estate has continuously enhanced in value. All this and never a boom for Gastonia, but all has been the result of continuous growth.

Perhaps the most important work done by the town was in 1899, when by popular vote was issued \$105,000.00 in bonds for the purpose of establishing Graded Schools, Electric Lights, Water Works and a Sewerage System. So these important utilities are owned by the town and operated in the interest of the people.

The tenth mill is now under construction, The Holland Mfg. Co. with George A. Gray, Prest; L. L. Jenkins, Vice-Prest; B. M. Holland, Sec. and Treas. The eleventh has just organized, will be completed by spring and will doubtless be in operation by early summer. This the Flint Mfg. Co. with Geo. A. Gray, Prest; L. L. Jenkins, Vice-Prest; L. F. Groves, Sec. and Treas; Jno. R. Withers, Supt. In total this mill gives us eleven managements and fifteen mills.

Elsewhere is given a list of the mills with full details as to equipment, capital stock, present officers, etc. In this sketch much space has been given to the mills, this for the reason that the mills have largely made the town. Other enterprises might be discussed, but for lack of space. That

the future of Gastonia is assured, no one of her citizenship doubts. Today her population, including suburbs, is about 8000, and our stakes are set for 16000 in 1916.

## INDUSTRIAL

### COTTON FACTORIES—PRESENT ORGANIZATION

#### 1. GASTONIA COTTON MFG. CO. NOS. 1 AND 2.

Jno. F. Love, President  
Robt. A. Love, Sec. and Treas.  
John H. McDowell, Supt.

Capital Stock, \$200,000.00

Products—Cloth and Yarns  
9000 Spindles  
270 Looms  
Power—Steam

#### 2. TRENTON COTTON MILLS NOS. 1 AND 2.

J. L. Falls, President  
J. K. Dixon, Sec. and Treas.  
Arthur M. Dixon, Supt.

Capital Stock, \$124,800.00

Product—Yarn, No. 40s to 60s.  
8448 Spindles  
Power—Steam

#### 3. MODENA COTTON MILLS, NOS. 1, 2, AND 3.

J. O. White, President.  
H. B. Moore, Sec. and Treas.  
W. T. Storey, Supt.

Capital Stock, \$180,000.00.

Product—Cloth and Yarns, 26s to 32s  
and Sheeting  
17000 Spindles  
208 Looms  
Power—Steam and Electricity.

#### 4. AVON MILLS

D. E. Rhyne, President  
John F. Love, Vice-President  
Robt. A. Love, Sec. and Treas.  
H. J. Critz, Supt. Carding and Spinning.  
E. J. B. Moore, Supt. Weaving.

Capital Stock, \$200,000.00

Product—Cloth and Yarn, Fine Sheeting and 40s and 50s Yarn  
Power—Steam

5. OZARK MILLS  
S. J. Hand, President  
R. P. Rankin, Sec. and Treas.  
B. F. S. Austin, Supt.  
Capital Stock, \$200,000.00  
Product, Fine Yarns  
10336 Spindles  
Power—Steam

6. ARLINGTON COTTON MILLS  
G. W. Ragan, Prest. and Treas.  
L. L. Jenkins, Vice-Prest.  
P. B. Parks, Supt.  
Capital Stock, \$175,000.00  
Product—Fine Yarns  
9568 Spindles  
Power—Steam

7. LORAY MILLS  
T. E. Moore, Prest. and Treas.  
A. E. Moore, Asst. Treas. and Mgr.  
B. J. Dobbins, Supt.  
Capital Stock, \$1,250,000.00  
Product—Print Cloth and Export Sheetings  
57000 Spindles  
1660 Looms  
Power—Steam

8. GRAY MANUFACTURING CO.  
George A. Gray, Prest. and Treas.  
L. L. Jenkins, Vice-Prest.  
Joseph H. Separk, Sec'y.  
J. Lander Gray, Supt.  
Capital Stock, \$175,000.00  
Product—Fine Yarns, 40s to 80s  
Combed and Carded Peelers  
10240 Spindles  
Power—Electricity, generated by Westinghouse-Parsons Steam Turbine

9. CLARA MANUFACTURING CO.  
R. P. Rankin, Prest.  
Geo. A. Gray, Vice-Prest.  
C. B. Armstrong, Sec. and Treas.  
Chas. M. Dunn, Supt.  
Capital Stock, \$100,000.00  
Product—Yarn  
5000 Spindles  
Power—Electricity

The following are new mills to be completed in the Spring:

10. THE HOLLAND MFG. CO.

Geo. A. Gray, Prest.

L. L. Jenkins, Vice-Prest.

B. M. Holland, Sec. and Treas.

E. Hope Forbes, Supt.

Capital Stock, \$50,000.00

Product—Waste Mill, Spin Coarse Numbers

2000 Spindles

Power—Electricity

11. FLINT MANUFACTURING CO.

Geo. A. Gray, Prest.

L. L. Jenkins, Vice-Prest.

L. F. Groves, Sec. and Treas.

John R. Withers, Supt.

Capital Stock, \$100,000.00

Product—Fine Yarns, entire product to be combed.

5000 Spindles

Power—Electricity

### OTHER INDUSTRIAL PLANTS

The Page Company, Sash, Doors, etc.

The Gaston Plaster Factory. Wood Fiber.

The Gaston Iron Works

B. G. Rhyne Weave Mills

Gastonia Roller Covering Co.

Gastonia Oil Company

Gastonia Grist Mill

Avon Mills Ice Factory

Crown Bottling Works

Gastonia Bottling Works

Loftin & Company Job Office

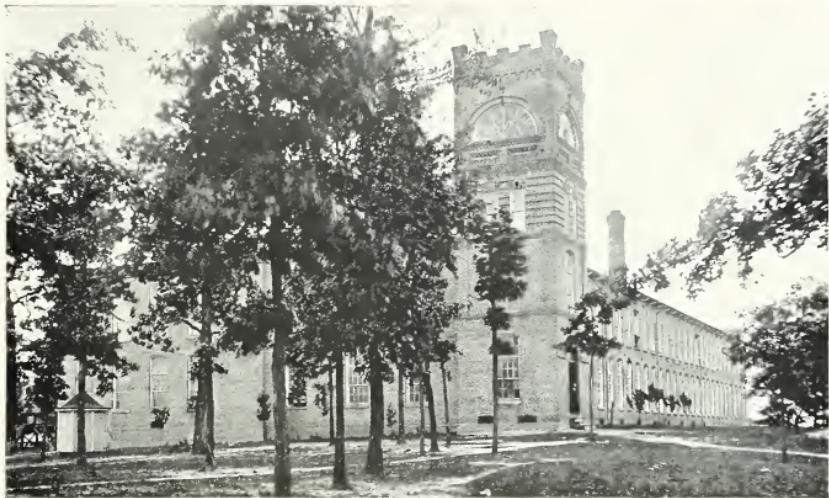
Gazette Job Office

J. F. Yeager's Ladies' Garment Factory

Gastonia Tanning Company

Craig & Head's Saddlery

Several Wood Shops, Cabinet Shops, Planing Mills, Lumber Plants, Cotton Gins, Waste Plants, Bagging and Tie Works, Blacksmith Shops, Tin and Metal Working Plants, Mattress Plants, Steam Laundries, Bakeries, Machine Shops and many other small industries.



ARLINGTON COTTON MILLS

G. W. RAGAN, Prest.-Treas.  
L. L. JENKINS, Vice-Prest.  
P. B. PARKS, Supt.



G. W. RAGAN, Prest. & Treas.



L. L. JENKINS, Vice-Prest.



#### AVON MILLS

D. E. RHYNE, President  
JOHN F. LOVE, Vice-President  
ROB't A. LOVE, Sec'y & Treas.  
H. J. CRITZ, Supt. Carding and Spinning  
E. J. B. MOORE, Supt. Weaving



ROBT. A. LOVE, Sec'y & Treas



GASTONIA COTTON MFG. CO.

JOHN F. LOVE, Prest.  
ROBT. A. LOVE, Sec'y & Treas.  
JOHN H. McDOWELL, Supt.



JOHN F. LOVE, Prest.



GRAY MANUFACTURING CO.—FRONT VIEW



GRAY MANUFACTURING CO.—REAR VIEW

GRAY MANUFACTURING CO.

GEORGE A. GRAY, President & Treasurer.

L. L. JENKINS, Vice-President.

JOSEPH H. SEPARK, Secretary.

J. LANDER GRAY, Superintendent.



GEORGE A. GRAY, President & Treasurer.



CLARA MANUFACTURING CO.

R. P. RANKIN, President.

GEORGE A. GRAY, Vice-President.

C. B. ARMSTRONG, Sec'y & Treas.

CHAS. M. DUNN, Supt.



C. B. ARMSTRONG, Sec'y & Treas.

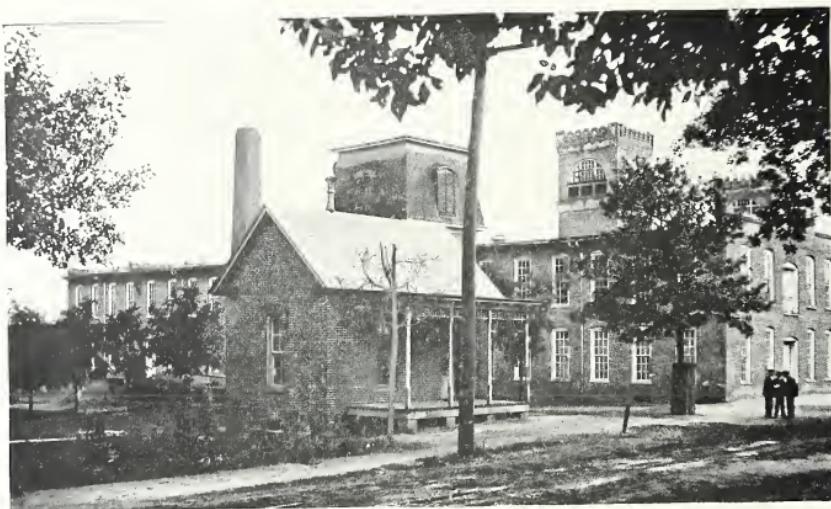


LORAY MILLS

T. E. MOORE, Prest. & Treas.

A. E. MOORE, Ass't Treas. & Gen'l Mgr.

B. J. DOBBINS, Superintendent.



MODENA COTTON MILLS, No. 1



MODENA COTTON MILLS, No. 2

## MODENA COTTON MILLS

J. O. WHITE, Prest.  
H. B. MOORE, Sec'y & Treas.  
W. T. STORY, Supt.



J. O. WHITE, Prest.



H. B. MOORE, Sec'y & Treas.



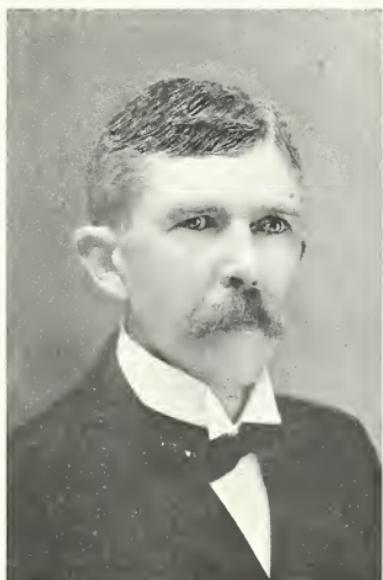
OZARK MILLS

S. J. HAND, Prest.  
R. P. RANKIN, Sec'y & Treas.  
B. F. S. AUSTIN, Supt.



TRENTON COTTON MILLS

J. L. FALLS, Prest.  
J. K. DIXON, Sec'y & Treas.  
A. M. DIXON, Supt.



J. K. DIXON, Sec'y & Treas.

## FINANCIAL

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Gastonia has three banks, two national and one state bank. The former, The First National Bank, with a capital stock of \$100,000.00, The Citizens National Bank with \$50,000.00 capital stock, and the latter, The Gaston Loan and Trust Co. with a capital stock of \$20,000.00. In addition to the banks, we have the Gastonia Insurance & Realty Co., the capital stock of which is \$20,000.00, and the Gaston Building and Loan Association.

Below is given the condition of the three banks as shown by the statement of September 4th, 1906:

Total Capital Stock	-	-	-	\$ 170,000.00
Total Surplus	-	-	-	21,500.00
Total Undivided Profits	-	-	-	13,688.00
Total Working Capital	-	-	-	200,188.00
Total Deposits	-	-	-	798,357.00
Total Assets	-	-	-	1,163,233.00



FIRST NATIONAL BANK. CAPITAL STOCK \$100,000  
L. L. JENKINS, Prest. R. R. RAY, Vice-Prest. S. N. BOYCE, Cashier



CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK. CAPITAL STOCK \$50,000  
R. P. RANKIN, Prest. C. N. EVANS, Vice-Prest. A. G. MYERS, Cashier



### **GASTON LOAN & TRUST CO.**

L. L. JENKINS, Prest.  
GEO. W. WILSON, Attorney  
E. G. McLURD, Treasurer

### **GASTONIA INSURANCE AND REALTY CO.**

**Capital Stock \$20,000**

W. T. RANKIN, Prest. & Treas.  
C. B. ARMSTRONG, Vice-Prest.  
E. B. BRITtain, Secretary.

### **GASTONIA BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION**

S. N. BOYCE, President  
C. B. ARMSTRONG, Treasurer

# COMMERCIAL

With a view to furnishing the reader of this hand book a means of estimating the volume of business done in Gastonia, a list of some of our leading business houses is given herewith. It is not claimed that the list includes all the commercial houses, but simply the representative ones, and it is the idea of the editor that this means of portrayal is more intense and effective than would be any table of statistics:

## **Dry Goods, Department Stores, Etc.**

John F. Love—Dry Goods, Notions, Millinery, Shoes, Clothing.

James F. Yeager—Ladies' Furnishings, Millinery, Manufacturer of Ladies' Garments.

J. M. Belk Company—Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Millinery.

Lucas Company—Dry Goods, Ladies' Furnishings, Clothing.

D. Lebovitz—Dry Goods, Clothing, Millinery.

H. Snyder—Dry Goods and Clothing.

Robinson Brothers—Gents' Furnishings, Shoes, etc.

Swan-Slater Company—Clothing, Gents' Furnishings, Shoes, etc.

Morris Bros.—Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, etc.

## **Retail Grocers**

John F. Love, McLean Brothers, Elite Grocery, Coon & Adams, W. H. Jenkins Company, Miller & Edwards, J. L. Carson, E. P. Rankin & Co., W. H. Poole, Will F. Pearson, S. Mack Pearson, I. R. McFadden, A. M. Campion, City Grocery.

## **Wholesale Grocers, Etc.**

Albion Grocery Company, The J. A. Glenn Company, J. Flem Johnson & Co., O. M. Boyd & Co., A. R. Rankin & Co., Carolina Fruit Co.

## **Brokerage**

W. L. C. Killiam & Son, Provisions; J. F. Johnson & Co., Fuel and Feed Stuffs; C. D. Holland, Fuel and Feed Stuffs.

## **Drug Stores**

J. H. Kennedy & Co., Frost Torrence & Co., Williams Drug Co., Adams Drug Co.

**Furniture**

Gastonia Furniture Co., E. L. Little Furniture Co., Williams Furniture Company.

**Hardware**

Gastonia Hardware Co., Standard Hardware Co., Eureka Hardware Co.

**Jewelry**

Torrence-Morris Co.

**Bicycles**

Torrence Brothers, Gastonia Cycle Co.

**Stoves, Tinware, Etc.**

Long Brothers.

**Carriage and Harness Emporium**

Craig & Wilson.

**Cotton**

B. H. Parker & Co., D. M. Jones & Co., John F. Love, W. L. Balthis & Company.

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**Harness**

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**Book Store**

Gastonia Book Store.



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JOHN F. LOVE, Dry Goods, Groceries, etc.



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- 2 Cutting Room
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- 5 Packing Room



CRAIG & WILSON  
Carriages, Vehicles, Harness, Live Stock, etc.



TORRENCE-MORRIS Co., Jewelers



J. M. BELK Co., General Store

## NEWSPAPERS

Gastonia has two live, progressive semi-weekly newspapers, the Gastonia Gazette, and the Gastonia News. These two papers have a combined circulation of several thousand, and they well circulate this and adjoining counties. At no far distant day we shall see the advent of the daily. James W. Atkins is the present editor of the Gastonia Gazette.



W. F. MARSHALL  
Former Editor Gastonia Gazette



HUGH LONG  
Editor Gastonia News



## RELIGIOUS



The moral and religious life of the town has ever been of chief importance. With but few exceptions the chief men in the industrial and commercial development of the community have been staunch churchmen, which fact has made it easily possible for the church life to keep even pace with the rapid growth of other interests.

As the town has grown, when church facilities have proven inadequate to the needs, the churches have been torn down and replaced with more commodious and costly structures. Within the town proper there are now twelve churches, as follows: Methodist Episcopal South, 3; Baptist, 2; Presbyterian, 1; Associate Reform Presbyterian, 1; Lutheran, 1; Episcopalian, 1; Methodist Episcopal, 1; Wesleyan Methodist, 1; Catholic, 1. Elsewhere appear cuts of some of our churches.

### CHURCH STATISTICS

Only the statistics of four denominations are given. The other churches are new and of small membership, though they are all growing in numbers and in strength.

#### METHODIST EPISCOPAL SOUTH

Main Street Church	-	-	-	449
West End	-	-	-	235
Ozark	-	-	-	185
Total	-	-	-	869

#### BAPTIST

First Church	-	-	-	274
East Church	-	-	-	240
Total	-	-	-	514

#### PRESBYTERIAN

First Presbyterian Church	-	-	505
Associate Reform Presbyterian Church			175

Grand total for these four denominations - - - 2063

### MAIN STREET METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH

The First Methodist church in Gastonia was a small log house on what was known as Shiloh Camp Ground, and up to the year 1881 the entire membership of the church was only 25 or 30. In 25 years Methodism has grown from thirty to nearly one thousand members.

The first substantial church was the brick structure erected at the corner of Main street and Oakland avenue in 1884 and this stood until 1900.

It was not until 1895 that the church was made a station, this being during the pastorate of Rev. C. M. Campbell. During these ten years the church has enjoyed a period of great prosperity and expansion. A handsome and commodious Main Street church has been erected; a second church, West End, has been built; a third church, The Ozark, has been built, and plans have been made and the funds raised for the building of the fourth Methodist church.

The handsome Main Street church was built in 1900 during the pastorate of Dr. G. H. Detwiler at a cost of more than \$20,000.00. This church is handsomely furnished and is equipped with a large pipe organ. The organization of the church is complete in all details. The Sunday School, Epworth League, Home and Foreign Missionary Societies, and all other societies and auxiliaries within the church are in a most healthy condition. In addition to the local and connectional work, the church supports a missionary in Japan.

During the past eight years Main Street church has raised for all purposes \$47,850.00, an average of \$7,975.00 per year. Today the church and parsonage property is valued at \$40,000.00. The membership of the church is 449; Sunday school membership is 256. Rev. Edwin Lyell Bain has been pastor of the church since 1903. The Board of Stewards is as follows: Jos. H. Separk, Chairman; J. K. Dixon, Treasurer; R. B. Babington, Secretary; A. R. Andes, George A. Gray, J. A. Glenn, C. J. Huss, W. H. Jenkins, A. A. McLean, C. M. Nolen, B. T. Morris, S. M. Morris, R. P. Rankin and R. L. Swan.

### **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

This church, like the city, began its existence in what is now East Gastonia. It was organized in a little school house near the Modena Hill with about twenty members.

In a very short time the work of the denomination increased to such an extent that its members thought that a new building was necessary. This was erected and ready for dedication in a short time, the dedication taking place in September, 1885. The leading spirit in the movement for a new church was the late J. D. Moore, a deacon, life-long member, and a leader in every good work.

The church grew until in 1900, it became necessary to enlarge again to accommodate its growing activities. In this year the structure, represented in the cut, became the home of the church life. Soon after getting into the new home a Woman's Missionary Society was organized. This society has accomplished much through the efforts of "devout women not a few." About this time a nucleus of members from the mother church united with Baptists living in East Gastonia to form East church. In the summer of 1905 Franklin Avenue Baptist church was organized, a number of the members going from the First church. Each of these churches has its own Sunday school.

The First church is free from debt, and its membership has increased to 265, in spite of the fact that she has given of her membership to form

the two churches mentioned above. That her interests are varied and her forces well organized will be seen from the accompanying directory.

The total amount expended by the First church is in the thousands each year. A sign of growth in the grace of giving is the fact that the following figures represent her annual contributions to Foreign Missions for different periods of development: for a time about \$300; for another period \$600 to \$700; and the pledges indicate that during the present year the amount will approximate \$1400.00, almost the entire amount being covered by personal pledges.

#### Directory

PASTOR—W. H. Reddish.

BOARD OF DEACONS—Jonas Jenkins, W. H. Penney, W. J. Clifford, L. L. Jenkins, W. F. Marshall, H. B. Moore, W. T. Storey, J. S. Torrence.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—Joe S. Wray, Superintendent.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY—Mrs. C. V. Blake, President.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION—S. J. Wilkinson, President.

SUNBEAMS—Mrs. W. H. Reddish, Director; Miss Eva Penney, President.

### THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

This church was organized July 16th, 1882, with a membership of 22. The first elders were J. H. Craig, J. Q. Holland, B. G. Bradley, and A. M. Smyre. The first deacons were R. H. Bell, R. H. Adams and Wm. Bradley. The first church building stood on Long street, north of the Falls House, and was dedicated June 9, 1883. The ministers who have served the church are as follows: Rev. W. B. Corbett, who began the work as a mission from Olney church; Revs. J. J. Kennedy and R. L. McCormick, who served the church as supplies; Revs. W. E. McIlwaine, C. W. Robinson, R. P. Smith, M. McG. Shields, and R. C. Anderson, as pastors.

The present church is built of red pressed brick, trimmed with brown stone, has a seating capacity of 1,000. It stands on Marietta street, near Main street. It was built during the pastorate of Rev. R. P. Smith. The ground was broken May 1st, 1895, and it was dedicated Sept. 11, 1898, during the pastorate of Rev. M. McG. Shields.

The present pastorate began Sept. 1st, 1905, and the present organization is as follows:

THE SESSION—Rev. R. C. Anderson, pastor; J. Q. Holland, clerk; J. R. Shannon, J. E. Page, F. A. Costner, J. A. Hunter, A. M. Smyre, Dr. C. E. Adams, G. W. Ragan, J. F. Jackson, J. R. Baber, B. G. Bradley.

BOARD OF DEACONS—J. F. Love, Chairman; J. H. Kennedy, Vice Chairman; J. Lee Robinson, Treasurer; S. A. Robinson, Secretary; T. W. Wilson, W. Y. Warren, T. N. Kendrick, Jas. N. Bell, E. J. Rankin.

Within the last year a manse has been erected on the corner lot next to the church, on Marietta street and Franklin avenue, at a cost of \$5,000; 135 members have been received into the church, making a total membership of 505; \$2,700 have been subscribed for a church which is now in the process of erection in the Loray settlement. The church supports a Foreign

Missionary, a Home Missionary, about five orphans at Barium Springs, besides contributing liberally to other causes. All contributions are free-will offerings. Pews are free. The best services and advantages the church can afford are free. She finds her happiness in serving. The aim of the church is to do all the good she can to as many people as she can by saving men to the glory of the Redeemer.

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### **GASTONIA ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

This church was inaugurated and organized by Rev. E. E. Boyce, D. D. In 1886 a lot was bought and a suitable house erected. This house has been improved and beautified, and now presents an attractive appearance and is suitable to the needs of the congregation.

The church was dedicated in March, 1887, by Rev. C. E. McDonald. The congregation was organized in 1887. Dr. Boyce was never formally installed, but served as pastor until October, 1893, when he felt constrained through the infirmities of age to demit the pastorate.

Rev. J. C. Galloway, D. D., was immediately called for one-half time and began work on the fourth Sabbath of December, 1893. This arrangement continued until January, 1901, when he was called for the whole time and this arrangement still continues.

The church is centrally located with fine surroundings and has a membership of one hundred and seventy. The present bench of elders consists of Messrs. Dixon Hanna, A. F. Whitesides, S. T. Wilson, R. W. Carson, John F. Bradley, H. D. Hanna and W. M. Boyce.

The following constitute the board of deacons: J. P. Reid, Thomas Pearson, J. F. McArver, A. M. Whitesides, S. N. Boyce, E. F. Wilson, R. W. Edwards, J. D. Lindsay, J. Y. Miller, W. S. Laughridge and J. W. Kirkpatrick.

The church is fully equipped with all auxiliary societies and has a flourishing Sabbath school with J. P. Reid as superintendent.

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### **ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

The Protestant Episcopal denomination of Gastonia has one church, St. Mark's, situated on Long street. This church was completed in 1900, and was built under the supervision of Bishop J. M. Horner, and the building was designed by a church architect of Chicago. The people of Gastonia of all denominations subscribed liberally to the fund used in its erection, and this was supplemented by other contributions raised principally through the efforts of Bishop Horner. The church is built of wood, with the outside pebble dash, and the inside skeleton finish with oiled natural wood. The ministers in charge have been Rev. J. C. Seagle and Rev. D. T. Johnson, and up till the time of his sickness and death, monthly visits were made to the church by the late Dr. W. R. Wetmore, of Lincolnton. Many additions to the list of communicants have been made since it was completed, and the prospects for continued growth of this church in Gastonia are encouraging.

## **GASTONIA EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

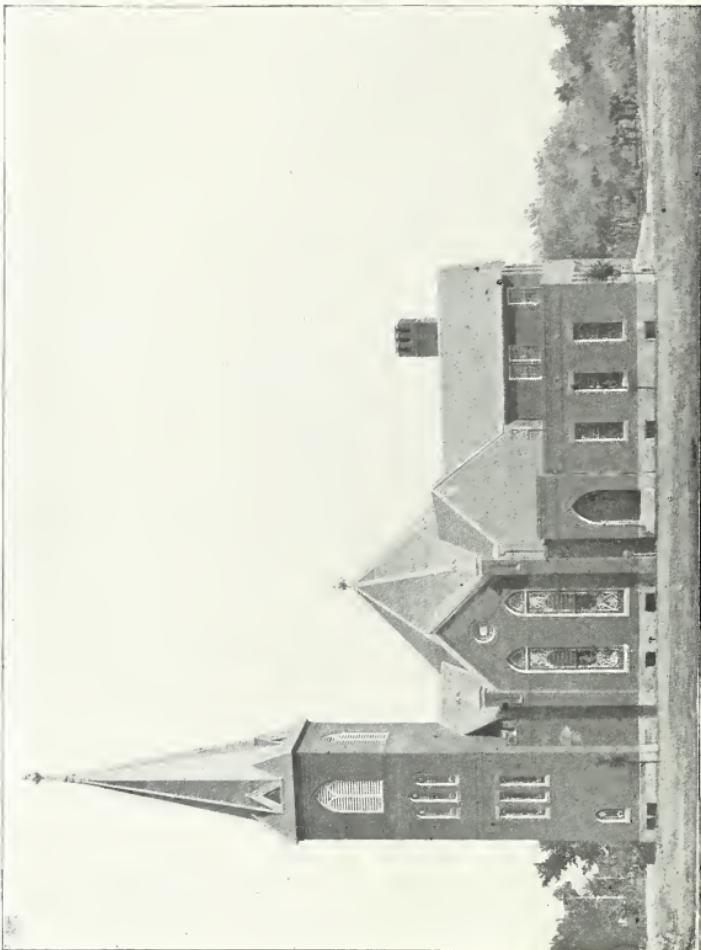
Gastonia Evangelical Lutheran congregation was organized by Rev. W. J. Boger, of Mt. Holly, in 1898 with 20 charter members. In 1899 and 1900 the present building was erected at a cost of \$4,000.00. Of this sum \$1000 was given by the N. C. Conference of the Tennessee Synod, and the remainder was given by the congregation and its friends. During Rev. C. I. Morgan's pastorate the mortgage was paid off and the congregation freed from debt. This is one of the smallest congregations in town now having 62 communicant members. It is, however, very active and contributes liberally to Home and Foreign Missions and to the other needs of the church. In 1901 a neat parsonage was built near the church by Rev. J. L. Cromer who was then pastor. The present pastor is Rev. John Hall.

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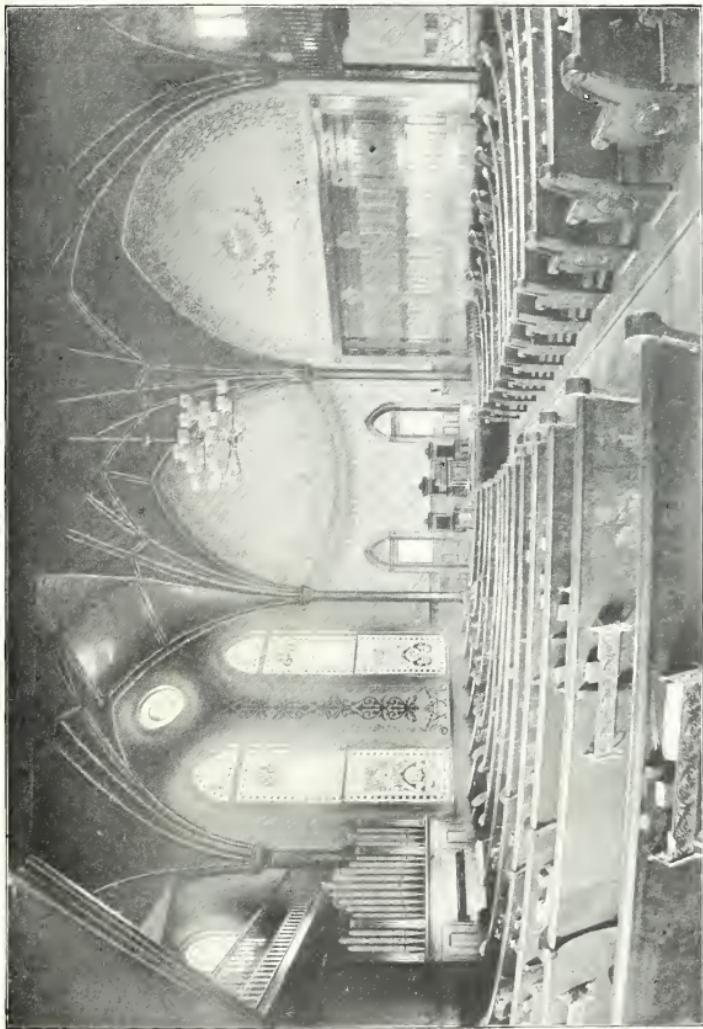
## **ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**

The lot upon which the church is erected is 86 feet by 120 feet. The church was erected during the summer of 1902, and dedicated to the service of God April 19, 1903, by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Leo Haid, assisted by the Rev. Fathers from St. Mary's College, Belmont. Father Melchoir, O. S. B. was appointed pastor of St. Michael's church, Sept. 27, 1903. Father James, O. S. B. was appointed pastor in the place of Father Melchior. Father James, O. S. B. is at present pastor. Mass is said every second and fourth Sunday of each and every month at 11 a. m. Instruction in the catechism is given on the same Sundays at 10:30 a. m. and on the other Sundays of the month at 2:30 p. m. Evening services are held at 3 p. m. every Sunday.

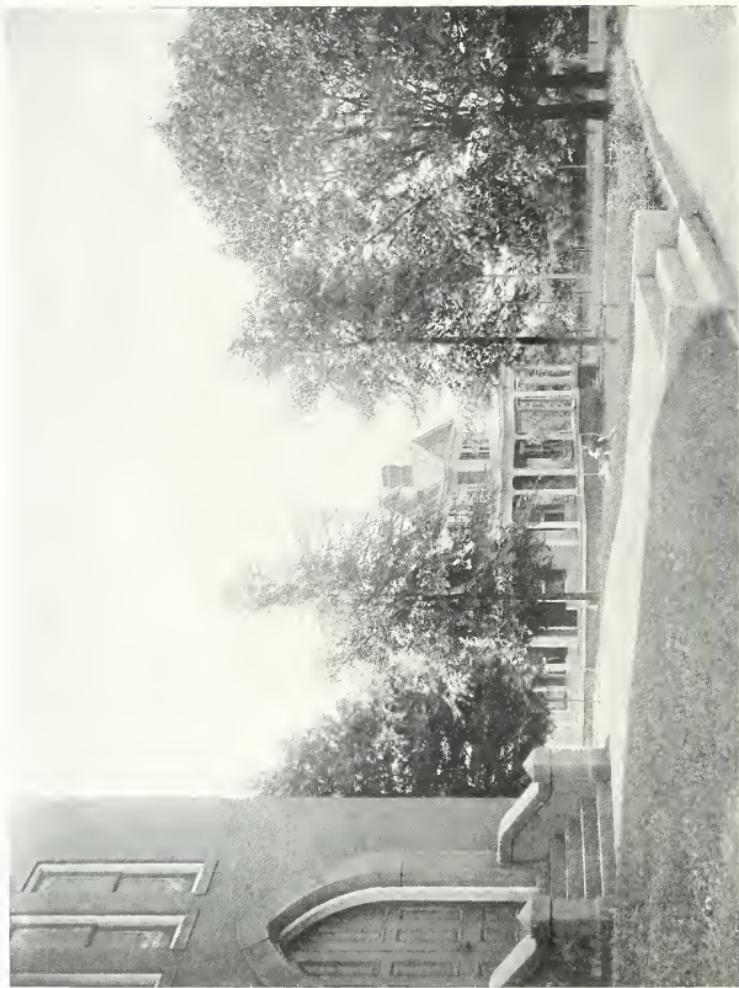




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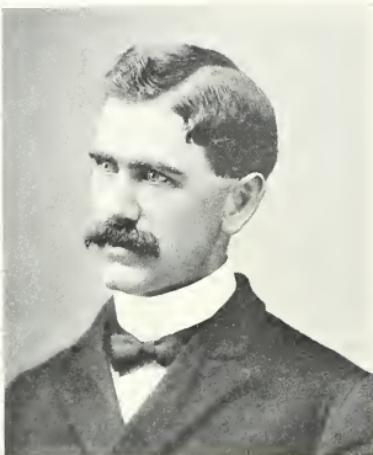
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REV. R. C. ANDERSON  
Pastor First Presbyterian Church



LUTHERAN CHURCH



REV. JNO. HALL  
Pastor Lutheran Church



ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



REV. W. H. REDDISH  
Pastor First Baptist Church



ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



DR. J. C. GALLOWAY  
Pastor Associate Reformed Pres. Church



MAIN STREET M. E. CHURCH SOUTH, 1900



1884—1900—OLD CHURCH



PARSONAGE MAIN ST. M. E. CHURCH.



REV. EDWIN LYELL BAIN  
Pastor Main St. M. E. Church, South



## OUR SCHOOLS

Gastonia is so young that it has seemed fit and proper to give her progress, educationally, from the beginning.

A school followed close upon the settlement of the town. The one to begin the work of instructing the youth of the new settlement was a woman, Miss Sallie Chalk. It is no new thing for a woman to be the leader in a great enterprise to uplift and better the condition of a community. Therefore, it is all the more fitting that this pioneer should be mentioned. She taught her little private school, combining it with the public school during the time set apart for the county schools each year.

It would be a great task to overestimate the good done by this faithful woman in the days of small beginnings. Besides the instruction given, she held the fort against ignorance till Gastonia was ready for greater things.

The demand for the greater work soon came. This was met by the organization of a school under a Mr. Crumb, whose initials the writer has been unable to get. He had Miss Chalk and another, possibly, for assistants. This may be termed the first educational uplift that came to the town.

The next awakening was about the year 1879. At this time Mr. J. B. Blanton came to Gastonia to look the field over and to learn what were the prospects for a school. The citizens were found ready (as they have ever been) to help any one who would give his time and efforts to helping the boys and girls of the community. They readily and eagerly promised to put up a building for Mr. Blanton if he would take charge of the school interests. This he did, and the citizens fulfilled their promise promptly, making Gaston Academy a reality within a twelvemonth.

This school was a decided advance on any that had preceded it. The citizens gave it a hearty support, and the surrounding country patronized it well. Education received an impetus at this time that has kept it marching steadily on to this good day. For the next ten or fifteen years the school interests grew steadily, and the character of the work may be judged from the list of worthy men who labored in the field. The names of the workers for this period are: J. A. Boyd, J. A. Bryan, J. P. Reid, J. T. Bigham, W. F. Marshall, R. S. Cooper, Jas. A. McLaughlin, W. B. Galloway, J. M. Douglas. During much of this time there were two schools, each making the other work for its patronage. Each, of course, had the very best instructors that it could secure. This means that the field was well worked, and that each one did his best work.

The rival school condition did not become permanent until the educational needs had become so extensive as to seem to justify the Methodists in building and maintaining a school of their own. This they did, making Rev. B. E. Atkins, principal. This school was named Oakland High School.

Rev. Mr. Atkins resigned after a time, and a worthy successor was found in Mr. J. H. Separk, who conducted the school with marked success till the schools were merged into another system. Gastonia was now supporting well two good high schools—Gaston Academy and Oakland High School. The former was under the direction of our townsman, Prof. J. P. Reid; the other, under the direction of another of our townsmen, Prof. J. H. Separk.

These schools are too well known to need the writer to speak of them and their work. The present superintendent of schools has often praised the efficient work done by these schools; for pupils came from both schools when the principals left the profession and the public school system was inaugurated. These men have entered other fields, but their works do follow them.

In the year 1900, Gastonia decided to establish a system of public schools in which her every citizen of school age could have the advantage of a good high school education. An election was called, and scarcely a man voted against the measure.

In looking into the matter of building, the Board of School Commissioners canvassed the records available, and, making a liberal estimate, it was thought that a building accommodating 300 pupils would be all sufficient for at least a decade; for in both of the former schools the enrollment had not reached 250. Although it seemed that the field had been worked to the limit, yet in half of the decade the enrollment has reached 510 instead of 300 estimated for the decade.

The city now supports a system of schools entirely free to her citizens for nine months in the year. In these schools all have equal advantages. Each one can prepare himself for the leading colleges in this and neighboring States. This statement is based on facts. One of the former pupils of the schools has just graduated high in his class at Davidson college, and one with a like standing, from Erskine college.

The history of last year's Senior class is remarkable. There were fourteen in the class at the first of the year. One dropped back and graduated this year. Another has filled a position in the city, hoping to be able to take up her studies next fall. A third, who was unable to go to college, took the county examination, easily getting a first grade certificate, and taught, with satisfaction to all concerned, the public school in her district. The other eleven of the class went to college, all entering satisfactorily. Some of them entered as high as Junior in the institution of their choice. And what is more, under the co-operation of the Board and people the schools are becoming more efficient each year.

During the year 1905-1906 about 900 white children and 350 colored children have been enrolled in the respective schools for the races. In this year the course of study has been submitted to the leading colleges of the State. In nearly every case the course of study has received great praise, the work done in the school has been accepted at full value, and the school put on the list of accredited schools. This is quite a compliment to any system of public schools. But it is certain that with the same kind of support and co-operation that the superintendent has had in the past Gastonia's schools will, in another five years, receive even greater consideration.



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## GASTONIA--WHAT IT IS



T is a city of 8,000 inhabitants. It is a busy manufacturing town situated on the main line of the Southern railway, just twenty-one miles south of Charlotte.

It is a town whose population in ten years has grown from little more than 3000 to something more than 8000.

It is the largest and by far the most important town in Gaston county. It is a town of eleven cotton factories, with 145,000 spindles and 2,500 looms.

It is a town whose factories give employment to 4,000 people.

Its cotton factories ship annually yarn and cloth to the value \$4,000,000, or more.

It has three banks with a combined capital stock and surplus of \$170,000.

Its bank deposits grow steadily from year to year.

It has several mercantile establishments that carry stocks ranging in value from \$40,000 to \$50,000.

Its two railroads do an annual freight business of upwards of a million dollars.

It has twelve churches with a combined membership of more than thirty-five per cent. of the population.

It has an excellent system of Graded schools.

It owns and operates its water plant and electric lights.

It has taxable property to the value of \$5,000,000.00.

Its real estate has enhanced in value within ten years several hundred per cent.

It has two semi-weekly newspapers with a combined circulation of several thousand.

It has eight benevolent and fraternal organizations.

It has an opera house and other places of amusements.

It is in highest average health belt in the United States.

It has excellent postal facilities, which will within a year be bettered by the inauguration of city delivery service.

It is made up of a population of contented and prosperous people.

It has a fine back country that supplies the needs in all farm and dairy products.

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The benevolent and fraternal organizations represented here have in all points kept up with the growth and prosperity of the town. Some of these orders have as many as two or three lodges. Of the leading orders there are represented here the following :

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I. O. R. M.

## GASTONIA LIBRARY

Gastonia has a library of which any town in the state of like size should be justly proud. The initial step towards the creation of this library was taken in the Ministerial conference during March 1904. The temporary organization was effected on April 7, 1904, and this led to the permanent organization of about one month later.

The library is managed by a Board of Directors consisting of nine members. Today the library is in a flourishing condition and it must be said that much of the success of the institution is due to the efforts and energy of the efficient librarian, Miss Lottie Blake.

The library is at home in well appointed rooms, sufficiently commodious for present needs, well furnished and stocked with well selected books, magazines, papers, etc. If present interest continues, within a few years there will be several thousand volumes to the credit of the institution.

The present Board of Directors is as follows: Dr. J. C. Galloway, Ch'm; John F. Love, Sect'y and Treas.; Rev. R. C. Anderson, J. K. Dixon, D. E. McConnell, A. G. Mangum, W. F. Marshall, J. H. Separk and G. W. Wilson.

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## THE PROFESSIONS

There are represented here such professions as are usually found in towns of this size, and in point of ability and preparedness, the representation of these professions will compare favorably with those of much larger towns.

## TO PROSPECTIVE COMERS



FOR the benefit of those who are contemplating making a change in location, special emphasis is placed upon certain points in Gastonia's advantages in the following paragraphs.

1. **Religious**—There are a number of Protestant churches and one Catholic church here. These all have good comfortable houses of worship. The following denominations have churches as follows: Methodist Episcopal South, three; Methodist Episcopal, one; Wesleyan Methodist, one; Baptist, two; Presbyterian, one; A. R. Presbyterian, one; Lutheran, one; Episcopalian, one.
2. **Schools**—We have an excellent system of Graded schools, with a high grade High school attached. There are also schools of music, schools of art, etc.
3. **Public Utilities**—A thoroughly modern system of electric lights, water works and sewerage is the property of the town.
4. **Houses**—In the main residence section of town few houses are ever unoccupied, though the supply is rapidly being increased by the erection of new ones.
5. **Land**—Many desirable building lots are on the market at reasonable prices. Most of these lots are in the west and south suburbs.
6. **Climate**—We have an even and healthful climate. The town being well drained, the streets and drives are usually in good condition for travel.
7. **Lights**—Streets are lighted by latest type arc lights.
8. **Fire Protection**—An adequate water supply and well equipped fire companies afford safe protection to property.
9. **City Government**—One of the best evidences of our well governed city is the fact that we have only four police officers for a population of upwards of 8000.
10. **Money Accommodation**—Our banks are conservative yet aggressive, and offer to all patrons every courtesy and accommodation consistent with sound banking.
11. **Traveling Facilities**—Two main line railroads pass through Gas-

tonia. They have good schedules and offer good facilities for both passenger and freight travel. There is also good livery accommodation.

**12. Means of Communication**—Postal facilities are good. There are two telegraph lines, the Postal and the Western Union. The Piedmont T. & T. Co., gives good local and foreign service.

**13. Power**—Electricity as a motive power is fast coming into use here. Both large and small industrial plants find electric power a great saving. There are two power companies here, The Spencer Mountain Co., and the Southern Power Co. Both of these plants have yet a considerable amount of power uncontracted for.

**14. Fuel**—Both coal and wood may be had here at reasonable prices. We have plenty local wood and the coal fields are within a few hours of us.

**15. Building Material**—We have ample finishing plants here. We have plenty brick, laths, shingles, wood fibre plaster, etc., and such material as we cannot furnish locally, we can secure at the expense of a short haul.

**16. Stores, etc.**—Our stores of all lines offer their goods and wares at reasonable prices. Our markets are well stocked, and farm and dairy products are in plenty.

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### THE ILLUSTRATIONS

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